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The Steamship *Glenalloch*,
Captain [blank] Company, will
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Hongkong, March 15, 1887. 471

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

The Steam
Arranged


Captain J. G. OLIPHANT, will be despatched for the
 above Ports on **THURSDAY, the 17th**
 Instant, at 3 p.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
 Hongkong, March 11, 1887. 422

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-
SAKI AND KOBE.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
 Steamship

Tatung
 will leave for the above
 places on **FRIDAY, the 18th March, at**
Daylight.
 E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, March 6, 1887. 413

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.
 The Co.'s Steamship

Gedda,
 Capt. **GEDDAR**, will be
 despatched for the above
 Ports on **FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at**
Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LIMPIN & Co.,
General Agents.
 Hongkong, March 15, 1887. 473

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA

AND KOBE.
The Steam

 *Linnica*,
J. THRELL, Commander
will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 13th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 11, 1887. 45

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking
through Cargo to QUEENSLAND
PORTS, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship
Guthrie,
Capt. SHANNON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSIA

Hongkong, March 11, 1887. 49

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/3 L.I.L. American Ship
State of Maine
NICKELS, Master, will load her
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1887. 31

Notices to Consignees.

ERLANDS INDI

FROM SOURABAYA, SAMARANG,
BATAVIA, SINGAPORE & SAIGON

THE Company's S.S. *Zorro*, having arrived from the above Ports, contains consignees of Cargo by cable hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the third day will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1887. 474

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenfallach* having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo by cable and by the S.S. *Luigie* from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of

of the Undersigned,
Wharves or Boats

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 14, 1887. 470

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
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To-day's Advertisements.

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THE Undergird has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th March, 1887, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road—

SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

belonging to G. B. STONE, Esq.,

comprising:—

DRAWING and BED-ROOMS, VIENNA

CHAIRS, CROCKERY GLASSES, and

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DOUBLE LION BEDSTEAD, DOUBLE

SINGLE WARDROBES with PLEAT GLASS

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TOILET TABLE with GLASS and MARBLE TOP

WARDROBE.

ONE PIANO.

ONE JINRIKSHA.

Sole Address:—

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 451

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. FLINTSHIRE FROM HAMBURG,

LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods, with the exception

of Opium, are being landed at their risk

into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WARE-

HOUSE & GODOWN CO. at Kowloon, whence and/or

from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be

obtained.

Options of Cargo will be forwarded, un-

less notice to the contrary be given before

4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining after the 23rd Instant will be

subject to rent at the rate of one cent per

package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undergird on or before

the 23rd Instant, or they will not be re-

cognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 450

NETHERLANDS INDIA STRAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship

Borneo, Capt. WILKINS, will be

despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 479

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

Admiral, Capt. GARRA, will be

despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 484

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

Admiral, Capt. GARRA, will be

despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 483

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW

CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and

Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Titon, Capt. BROWN, will be

despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 478

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE

ITALIANA

(FLORENCE & RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's

Mail Steamer to

ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN),

AND GENOA.

Also to MARSEILLES, all MEDITER-

RANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to CALAO,

Taking Cargo at through rates to

MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, and

BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship

Dorinda, Capt. DORANDA, will

be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 19th Inst., at Noon.

The Steamer has splendid Accommoda-

tion for Passengers and carries a Doctor

and Stewardess.

For further Particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 477

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking

through Cargo for BRISBANE,

ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW

ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer

Silk, Capt. SCOTLAND, having

been arrived with part Cargo

from JAPAN, will be despatched as above

on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Managers.

Hongkong, March 16, 1887. 452

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AMPHITRYTE, British ship, Captain C. A.

Anderson.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ANITA, German barque, Captain J. F.

Kronke.—Wielor & Co.

DANIEL J. TENNY, American ship, Capt.

Geo. S. Wilson.—Takasima Co.

FAUGH BATAVOY, Germ. schooner, Capt.

Schultz.—Chinese.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 16, 1887:—

Quetta, German steamer, 739, T. T.

Rook, Wooming March 12, Rice.—SIEMENS

& Co.

James Watt, British steamer, 1,024, A.

Pet's, Saigon March 11, Rice.—REVELL

& Co.

March 16:—

City of Sydney, American steamer, 3,016,

March 16, 1887.

D. E. Friele, San Francisco February 12,

and Yokohama March 9, Malle and General.

—P. M. S. S. Co.

Tian, British steamer, 1,654, R. J.

Brown, Liverpool January 20, and Singa-

pore March 19, General.—PORTER & SONS.

Sikh, British steamer, 1,725, Scotland,

Kobe March 10, General.—Ginn, Livin-

gton & Co.

Chinshing, British 3-m. schooner, 311,

C. F. Collins, Boila March 4, Sapanwood.

—E. O. SCHULZ & Co.

Chi Yuen, Chinese steamer, 1,211, W. H.

Lunt, Singapore March 8, General.—C. M.

S. N. Co.

Rio Lima, Portuguese gunboat, 539,

Capt. Raphael d'Andrade, Goa, via Moringa-

pore, Bombay, Colombo, Sourabaya and

Manila, March 12.

Waldorf, German steamer, 728,

Schluck, Saigon March 11, Rice and Paddy.

—WIELER & Co.

H. Prinsberg, German barque, 553, A.

Schonemann, Ruyang February 25, Timber.

—MECHERIS & Co.

Tolman, British steamer, 1,550, M. H.

F. Jackson, Shanghai via Amoy, March 13,

General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

March 16:—

Wolf, German gunboat, for Canton.

Blum, for Swatow.

Proprietor, for Saigon.

Diamonds, for Amoy and Manila.

Southern Chief, for Haiphong.

Quarta, for Whampoa.

CLEVER.

Anton, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

Oregan, for San Francisco.

Proprietor, for Saigon.

Tender, for Saigon.

Glenfold, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Per City of Sydney, from San Francisco,

Mrs. D. E. Friele, Mr. Thos. Baxter, and 327

Chinese.

Per Titan, from Liverpool, &c., Mr. and

Mrs. Donovan, Miss Robson, Mr. White,

Miss A. White, Miss C. White, Mr.

Sharpley, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. G. G. G. G. G.

Chinese, from Singapore.

Per Sikh, from Kobe, Mrs. Truscott.

Per Chi Yuen, from Singapore, 673 Chi-

nese.

Per Tolman, from Shanghai, &c., Mr. and

Mrs. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B. B.

and 2 children, Mrs. B. B. B. B. B. B. B.

and Miss Mellor, for London; 800 Chinese for

Singapore.

DEPART.

Per Hoihow, for Swatow, 60 Chinese.

Per Proprietor, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per Diamond, for Amoy, &c., 5 Euro-

pean, and 100 Chinese.

Per Anton, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.

Per Salter, for Haiphong, 1 European,

and 15 Chinese.

Per Tender, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per Glenfold, for Shanghai, 2 Euro-

pean.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American steamer City of Sydney re-

ports: Heavy S.W. and Westerly gale with

N.E. swell; then fine weather to 50° north;

thence to port fresh breeze E.N.E. and

light weather. On the 10th inst., 6 p.m.,

anchored off Ludowick with thick fog.

On the 16th inst., at 8.40 a.m., up anchor

and proceeded into port.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI—

Per Glenfold, at 11.30 a.m., on Thurs-

day, the 17th inst.

For HAIPHONG—

Per Salter, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the

17th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW—

Per Thos. Baxter, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the

17th inst., instead of as previously

notified.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA—

Per Thos. Baxter, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the

17th inst.

For AMOY & SHANGHAI—

Per Titan, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the

17th inst.

For AMOY—

Per Thos. Baxter, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday,

the 17th inst.

Per Dorinda, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,

the 18th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANG-

KOK—

Per Mongkut, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,

the 18th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified.

For BANGKOK—

Per Mongkut, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the

18th inst., instead of as previously

notified.

For SAIGON—

Per Fero, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the

18th inst.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY—

Per Borda, at 10.30 a.m., on Saturday,

the 18th inst.

For SINGAPORE—

Per Polyphonia, at 2.30 p.m., on Satur-

day, the 18th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified.

For PORT ARTHUR, SYDNEY & MEL-

BOURNE—

Per Oulgie, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, the

18th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Glenfold leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—Tolman leaves for London.

1 p.m.—Arrival of Amoy leaves for Straits

and Calcutta.

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Anton Gander on</

Co's letter was to the effect that two junk boats from Hongkong, on their way to the station, had been stopped at the station, and the extra tax of \$2 per piece demanded on some purpura. The owners refused to pay and the junk was stopped until the evening, when they were allowed to proceed after giving a bond.

Mr. Sharp said it seemed a long time to wait for an answer. The Colonial Government forwarded the reply to H. B. M. Minister.

The Chairman—No reply has been received. I can only say, Mr. Sharp, that I am much disappointed—I might almost say disgusted—because we have to remain under the regulation that all our despatches must go through the local Government. Who was the originator of that system, I am unable to say, but I think it is a slur upon this Chamber. We had for a great many years communicated direct with the high authorities, and I know from correspondence through here, that the Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong has been in communication direct with the Ministers at the head of the different departments. I don't see why this Chamber should be compelled to do what we are now told we must do.

Mr. Sharp said that the Chamber of Commerce at Hongkong is the one managing the Government of the Colony there must be questions arising from time to time which they are ignorant of. It must be a great trouble and annoyance to them to have to forward their communications to the Government here, then sent to Peking, and then forwarded back again, which is a work of supererogation. This Chamber is a body which has been recognized for a number of years, and we ought to have the privilege of communicating direct with H. B. M.'s Minister at Peking (hear, hear and applause).

In reply to Mr. Mackintosh, it was stated that this arrangement came into force some time ago, and was contained in the Charter of the Chamber, when it passed through Hongkong.

Mr. Davis asked if this could not be cited as an example of the defectiveness of the system.

The Chairman said he would very gladly do so.

After some further conversation of a desultory character, Mr. Sharp proposed the following resolution:—That the Committee of the Chamber be requested to communicate with the local Government, enquiring if any answer has been received to the letter addressed by the Chamber on the 20th July to H. B. M.'s Minister in China in reference to a case of illegal execution by the Chinese Customs.

Copied, and brought forward by Messrs. Ho and Co.

Mr. Mackintosh seconded.

The Chairman asked Mr. Sharp to allow the resolution to stand over until some formal business was gone through.

The Chairman then announced that the result of the ballot was that the following gentlemen had been elected as a Committee:—Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. A. P. Macdonald, Hon. Bell-Irving, Messrs. Ho, H. B. M. Minister, Hongkong, Darby, Walter, Grot, and Mackintosh.

Hon. Mr. Bell-Irving proposed that the Hon. P. Ryrie be elected chairman and the Hon. A. P. Macdonald, vice-chairman, for the year.

Mr. Davis seconded. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, as you are aware, Mr. Bell-Irving, who was our Secretary, has sent in his resignation, and I have now much pleasure in proposing that we elect Mr. Ryrie.

Mr. Mackintosh seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Sharp then renewed his motion, adding that it had been suggested to him that a clause should be added to the Charter of the Chamber, to the effect that the Chamber should be empowered to communicate with the Government upon what grounds the Chamber are inhibited from direct communication with H. B. M.'s Minister upon matters affecting the trade and interests of the Colony, a privilege which they have enjoyed for very many years.

Mr. Mackintosh again seconded.

The Chairman said he had felt very strongly on this matter right through, and had remonstrated with the late Government accordingly on the subject. He (the Chairman) said a day had been set upon a body of work known throughout the world.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Hon. A. P. Macdonald drew attention to the following paragraph in a letter from Mr. N. B. O'Connor, H. B. M.'s Charge d'Affaires, dated Peking, February 25, 1886, and printed in the appendix to the Report:—

In conformity with instructions which I have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in consultation with the Colonial Office, I take this opportunity of requesting that you will be good enough in future to address any communications to Her Majesty's Secretary of State in Peking, respecting the commercial interests of Hongkong, through the regular channel of the Government of the Colony.

At the same time I beg to say that I am sure it will always be agreeable to Her Majesty's Representative to receive through this channel any representations which the Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, may see fit to make in their interest to him, and that these representations will at all times receive every consideration and attention.

I therefore appear to have no instructions to forward to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hoopkins—This was confirmed by Sir John Walsby, at an interview when he passed through here. I don't think it is of any use asking any more about it.

Mr. Mackintosh would work, nine months after, how the new system worked. Mr. Sharp withdrew the latter portion of the resolution, and framed another resolution, which ultimately read as follows:—

That the Committee of the Chamber be requested to communicate with the local Government enquiring whether any answer has been received to the letter addressed by the Chamber on the 20th of July last to H. B. M.'s Minister in China in reference to the illegal execution by the Chinese Customs of a subject of the Colony.

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BRITISH CONSULAR COMMERCIAL AGENTS.

The following letter, which has not yet been published, appears in the appendix to the Chamber of Commerce Report, published elsewhere:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, Nov. 4, 1886.

Sir—In reply to your letter No. 1822 of the 20th September transmitting to this Chamber copy of a Circular letter of the 9th July, 1886, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with a Circular Letter of the 4th March, 1886, from the Foreign Office, on the question of the promotion and extension of British trade by Officers of Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Services, and regarding the origin of this Chamber (hereon, I have the honor to inform you that the subject was carefully considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee, held to-day, and I am requested to submit the following suggestions, for the consideration of His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government.

In the opinion of the Committee, it is very undesirable that British representatives should act as Commercial Agents, or render assistance in furtherance of any commercial enterprise beyond that which their instructions require. It is, therefore, suggested that the Chamber should be directed to use all justifiable means to aid the trader in securing all rights and privileges to which he is entitled by treaty.

The Committee consider that Consular Agents should be entrusted to the special and prompt attention to complaints with regard to obstructions to trade by Chinese Officials, whether by Extra-Legal or otherwise, as in the event of a new and unauthorized levy being made suddenly on trade, or in connection with the Customs regulations, or affecting the trade by River transport, and against which no time should be lost by the Consul in protesting and suggesting a prompt remedy for the evil.

It is suggested that information concerning a product of China, or of a possible new opening for trade, they should communicate it to the nearest Chamber of Commerce or set of Merchants. On the other hand, should the Consul obtain trade information likely to be useful to British manufacturers, should be requested to advise their Consul of the fact, with a view to inclusion in his next Consular Report.

Wherever information is obtained suggesting that the Consul of another Power is using his influence to secure any contract for his countrymen, the British Consul should be authorized to extend assistance in behalf of any British subject competing for such contract, but the Committee of the Chamber do not think it desirable that Consular Officers should be detailed for service with, or Consular influence be used on behalf of, any individual firm, nor indeed that it should be used at all, except in order to secure, should it be possible, that British subjects should be fairly treated in the matter. I have, &c.,

P. Ryrie, Chairman.

The Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held in the office of the General Managers (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), Pedder Street, for the purpose of confirming a resolution empowering the General Managers and Consulting Committee to raise a sum of £1,000,000, or more, by the issue of debentures.

Those present were:—Hon. J. Bell-Irving (Chairman), Hon. A. P. Macdonald, Hon. O. P. Hunter, Messrs. H. W. Davis and G. D. Bottomley (Consulting Committee), H. B. M. Minister, Hon. H. T. P. Jones, J. S. B. Benjamin and others, and W. A. Cruickshank, who acted as Secretary.

The notice calling the meeting had been read.

The Chairman said—As mentioned in the notice this meeting has been called to confirm a special resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 28th February. That resolution has been read to you by the Secretary, and it is unnecessary for me to read it. I therefore beg to propose that it be confirmed.

Mr. Bottomley seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The following is the resolution:—That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a.) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 111, namely:—111.—The Reserve Fund shall consist of a sum of not less than £1,000,000 nor more than £1,500,000.

(b.) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 112, namely:—112.—The Reserve Fund having now reached the sum of £1,000,000 the General Managers and the Consulting Committee may appropriate from time to time so much of the profits as they may deem desirable to the Reserve Fund until the said Fund shall amount to the sum of £1,500,000, provided always that such annual appropriation shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the said profits.

(c.) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 115, namely:—115.—The said Reserve Fund shall be practically maintained at a sum of not less than £1,000,000 nor more than £1,500,000, and the whole of the future accruing profits of the Company shall, subject to such annual Bonus as aforesaid and less such portion or portions (if any) thereof not exceeding in any year 50 per cent. of the said profits, be paid to the General Managers, as they are hereby empowered to do apply in maintaining the Reserve Fund at a sum of not less than £1,000,000 and less also such portion or portions (if any) thereof as may from time to time be applied in increasing the said Reserve Fund under Article 112, be divisible amongst the Shareholders generally according to the number of Shares held by each.

THE FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Inspector Quincey called upon the jury to inquire into the death of an Chinaman, who was killed by a shot fired by Inspector Quincey, on the 13th inst.

The Magistrate, Mr. Justice, Mr. Wodehouse, Mr. Justice, and Mr. Justice, were present.

Mr. Justice, who appeared on behalf of the relatives of the deceased, said he was instructed by the jury to bring a charge of murder against Mr. Quincey.

Mr. Wodehouse said the jury had examined the place where the occurrence took place and he would call evidence as to what had been done.

Inspector Quincey—I was present with the jury when they visited the scene of the occurrence. Mr. Quincey also was present.

Mr. Justice said that he was running up the hill between Second and Third Street. There was a narrow way between the walls of the lane, and the lane entered into Third Street.

There were houses on each side opening into the lane. The width of it is about 15 feet.

Mr. Quincey pointed out the place where he thought he fired the revolver from. It was opposite No. 4, about 20 yards from the top of the lane.

A woman, a Chinese, was in the lane, and he fired at her. He said he fired at her because she was in the way.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following is the yearly report of the Chamber of Commerce adopted by the members at the annual meeting, held this afternoon:—

REPORT.
The Committee beg to submit to the Members of the Chamber the following Report of their proceedings during the period under notice:—

Objections by China of Precious Metals.—A letter, dated 17th November, 1885, was received from the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce requesting information on this subject. Your Committee regret they were unable to afford a full information as they could wish on certain points mentioned in the correspondence, as no reliable statistics could be obtained.

Navigation of the Canton River.—This very important question has not been lost sight of by your Committee. Complaints have been made to the Chamber of the unworkable and trifling obstructions to trade which continue to be experienced by the mercantile community, and of the very heavy losses to shipowners, arising from the bad faith of the Chinese Government, in not fulfilling the promise made in 1884 to leave a clear channel for navigation at the barrier in the Southern reach of the Canton River. As stated in the last report of the Chamber, the Canton Authorities were ordered to remove these obstructions in August, 1885, under instructions from Peking. In July last it was reported to the Chamber that the Viceroy had given orders to fill up the barrier with stones, and your Committee immediately telegraphed to Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, requesting that an urgent protest might be made to the Tsung-li Yamen against the unwarranted proceeding, and letters were addressed to the Local Government protesting against the obstructions to navigation. It will be seen from the correspondence that repeated representations were made to the Chinese Authorities at Peking, but as yet no definite intimation has been given to the Viceroy of Canton, for the removal of the obstructions complained of.

Quarantine.—In January last your Committee took the liberty of entering the Local Government, and the previous correspondence on this subject, and they have allowed no fitting opportunity to pass without entering a protest against the vexatious burden imposed on shipping by the regulations in force.

It is to be regretted that the Government both here and at home have not shown more disposition to accept the Chamber's representations, but your Committee have the satisfaction to report that in a letter received from the Local Government on this subject in March last, it was stated that the period of Quarantine of observation would be reduced from five to three days, in conformity with the appended regulations under Ordinance 9 of 1885.

The completion of the permanent structure on Stone-Island, to be used as a Lazaretto for the sick in cases of Quarantine, has been observed with pleasure by your Committee. It was, however, believed some months ago that the building would be transferred to the War Office Authorities, and be thereby diverted from the use for which it was constructed, and considerable anxiety was felt as to the renewed necessity which would be created for providing accommodation for the sick.

Your Committee note that the Local Government, in reply to a question put by the Chamber's Representative in the Council, has given the assurance that the new building has not been transferred, it is available for the purpose intended.

Landing of Cargoes for Hongkong at Kowloon.—Your Committee received a letter from a member of the Chamber with regard to the power of the Agents of Steamers to land and give delivery of cargo at Kowloon destined for Hongkong, and its opinion was requested on the following points: (1) Is Kowloon within the limits of the Colony of Hongkong? (2) On whose account is the risk of bringing cargo from Kowloon to Hongkong. On considering the views put before them, your Committee decided that British Kowloon must be considered within the limits of the Colony, and they intimated that the insertion of a clause in Policies, by arrangement with underwriters, covered the risk of removal provided this was effected within seven days from date of the first discharge of the cargo.

Sir Harry S. Parkes Memorial Fund.—Early in the present year, a communication was received from Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., Chairman of the Committee of the London to Canton Memorial in commemoration of the eminent services of the late Sir Harry S. Parkes, inviting this Chamber to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in China and Japan in promoting this object. Your Committee addressed letters to the various Chambers of Commerce asking for their views in connection with this project, and on receipt of their replies, it was resolved to open a subscription list, and that any funds subscribed should be forwarded to Shanghai, where it was decided to erect an appropriate monument. This was accordingly done, and a remittance was forwarded to Shanghai in aid of the movement which is being carried out at that port.

The Legislative Council.—In April last the Government addressed the Chamber, asking it to nominate a Member to fill the place of the Hon. T. Jackson, Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, who had been granted twelve months' leave of absence.

Following the precedent adopted in a previous year, a Special General Meeting of the Chamber was held on the 27th April, when Mr. A. P. MacKenzie, the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber, was unanimously nominated in Mr. Jackson's place, and he was duly appointed a Member of the Council.

Obstructions in the Canton River.—Mr. W. E. Clarke, master of the steamer *Honam*, called the attention of the Chamber to certain rocks at the Western entrance to the Dutch Fully Channel in the Canton River which are considered dangerous to navigation, and requested the Chamber to make representations to the Authorities for their removal. This case being of especial interest to the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam-Boat Company, Limited, the matter was referred to the Board of Directors and a copy of Mr. Clarke's letter was submitted for their favourable consideration.

Hongkong Defence.—It will be in the recollection of the members of the Chamber that, when the Legislative Council voted the sum of £15,000 as provision for the armament of the Forts of the Colony in connection with the scheme of defence which has been sanctioned by the authorities, it is now being carried out, an opinion prevailed very generally that the grant of this large sum was made on the express understanding that the guns to be supplied for all the defensive works were to be of the best and latest pattern of breech-loading ordnance, capable of resisting the attacks of the heaviest modern iron-clads. In June last articles appeared in the local newspapers calling attention to the fact that muzzle-loading guns had been ordered, apparently as substitutes for the breech-loading guns bargained for by the Council, and your Committee lost no time

in addressing the Government on the subject. In reply the Government stated that the conditions of the armament had been, to a certain extent, misunderstood, and that it was never intended to arm the new Forts with breech-loading ordnance only, but that the muzzle-loading guns would be provided with the latest pattern of breech-loading guns, that the original armament proposed would probably be augmented in number and increase of power, also that arrangements had been made by the Imperial Government to ship a portion of the breech-loading guns and their mountings. Although five months have elapsed since the last communication received from the Government, your Committee are not aware that any of the promised breech-loading ordnance has arrived, and they cannot but express their regret that the correspondence referred to has proved so unsatisfactory.

The Postal Contract.—A Despatch from the Acting Colonial Secretary, with other papers addressed to the Government, regarding the renewal of the P. & O. Mail Contract which terminates on the 31st January, 1888, was forwarded to the Chamber with the request that Government might be favoured with their opinion thereon, and any suggestions which the Chamber might desire to offer. It will be seen by reference to the appendix that, three tenders were submitted to the Imperial Government for the conveyance of the China mails, and after due consideration your Committee recommended the acceptance of the offer from the P. & O. Company, subject however to certain modifications. Your Committee, in view of the lengthened period of the proposed contract, ten years, and the probable improvement in steam navigation, coupled with the fact that the contract speed of the German mail steamers to the East is 12 knots, decided to urge upon the Government: (1) That stipulate that the rate of speed at which the mail steamers shall run between Hongkong and Shanghai shall not be less than 12 knots an hour; (2) That as yet no definite intimation has been given to the Viceroy of Canton, for the removal of the obstructions complained of; (3) That the hour of noon, for the departure of the mail, would have the most convenient time for the mercantile community. With regard to the step in this hour of the mail packets, your Committee saw no reason to suggest any alteration in the existing arrangement of 24 hours on the outward and 48 hours on the homeward voyage.

Partial Blockade of the Western Entrance to the Harbour.—The opinion of the Chamber was requested by the Local Government, on recommendation by the members of a Commission appointed to inspect the defences works in progress in the Colony, that a portion of the Western Entrance to the Harbour should be permanently closed by blockading Kallet's Bank.

In reply, your Committee, on the information received before them, stated that such an obstruction would not, to any extent, interfere with the navigation of the existing channels, and in substance approved the adoption of the scheme proposed, at the same time they availed themselves of the opportunity to suggest a modification of the plan for the consideration of the Government.

The Franco-Chinese Trade Negotiations for the Annex Frontier.—In June last a letter was received from the Chamber, transmitting a translation of the Regulations for the Annex Frontier trade, determined on by France and China, and inviting the expression of the Chamber's opinion as to the desirability of the Convention, and the commercial interests of the Colony. Your Committee, in reply, pointed out that the Convention, by providing for the admission of goods across the Chinese frontier at the same duties as those payable on the Treaty of Tientsin of 1858, is calculated to give French goods an advantage and therefore to militate against the interests of this Colony. As a set-off to this concession to French trade, your Committee suggested that efforts should be made to induce the Chinese Government to allow the export of the Pearl River to be opened to trade, and goods intended for Tientsin to be conveyed to Nanking by the river, and subject to the same duties as provided by the new Franco-Chinese tariff. Since then, it appears that the French merchants in Peking have expressed strong dissatisfaction with the provisions of the Convention, which has not yet been ratified.

British Trade Dollar.—The members of the Chamber are aware that a full enquiry into this question was instituted in former years. The arguments adduced in favour of the introduction of the British Trade Dollar, received from various quarters, influenced the Singapore Chamber of Commerce to invite the co-operation of this Chamber in taking steps to again urge on the attention of the Imperial Government the expediency of coining a British Trade Dollar for use in the English Colonies in the East. Your Committee signified their concurrence, in reply to the Singapore Chamber, believing that the successful negotiation of the measure would prove a great convenience to the trade of Singapore, but bearing in mind the failure of the attempt made by this Colony to establish a standard coin, your Committee reserved any expression of opinion, leaving the Singapore Chamber to initiate such representations as they might think expedient.

Proposed Light on the Gap Rock.—This is one of the questions which has been pressing for solution for several years past, and your Committee have been actively engaged in the consideration of the Government proposals made by the Imperial Chinese Customs for the construction of a Lighthouse on, or in the neighbourhood of, the Gap Rock, in order that a light would be thrown on this port might be rendered easy, the Government replying that no funds were available to meet the cost of such a work, also that diplomatic difficulties stood in the way of the scheme as the proposed site was not within the jurisdiction of the English Government.

The inconvenience and delay to which vessels are exposed of being detained within a few miles from Hongkong in consequence of the absence of a light, were again brought to the attention of the Local Government, and when Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, visited the Colony in June last, he renewed the offer on behalf of the Chinese Customs, not only to build but to maintain a light, provided the Local Government would pay for its construction. Consequently your Committee submitted a resolution requesting the indispensable necessity which exists for the Light, requesting that urgent representations should be made, in the proper quarter, to sanction the immediate erection of a Light, and at the same time pointing out a means to defray the cost without prejudice to the Treasury. In reply to this communication the Government stated that the Chamber's letter, together with reports bearing on this question, had been forwarded to the Secretary of State, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Peking for the information of the Chinese Government, recommending the proposal for favourable consideration.

Illegal Taxes on Goods.—The subject of the imposition of arbitrary taxation by the Chinese Customs officials, in excess of the duties leviable under the Chinese Maritime Customs Tariff, is illustrated in the letter from Messrs. Reiss & Co.

The representation, with regard to the action of Chinese officials, was considered by your Committee of sufficient gravity to be promptly reported to the Local Government, and it will be seen from the reply to the Chamber's letter, that it has been submitted to Her Majesty's Minister at Peking.

Employment of Foreigners on Board of British Vessels.—On this subject the Local Government addressed your Committee, with the object of obtaining certain information required by the Board of Trade. After the statements submitted had received careful attention, your Committee replied that too much importance ought not to be given to the views advanced by a small section of officers and engineers upon this matter, and that as regards the granting of Colonial certificates to other than British subjects, a reversal of this custom would be useless in accomplishing the object aimed at.

The Proposed change in the Postal arrangements at Shanghai.—The Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce addressed a communication to the Chamber, enclosing a letter from the Postal Commissioner appointed by Sir Robert Hart, also a report of the proceedings of a general meeting of the foreign residents at Shanghai called to consider the proposed change in the Postal arrangements at that Port. Your Committee, in reply, expressed its concurrence with the resolutions passed at the meeting, believing no advantage would be gained by placing the Postal Service under the control of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Registration of Imports and Exports.—The action thus far taken by your Committee in relation to the advisability of adopting measures to collect statistics of the Import and Export trade of this port, is fully explained in the correspondence, which has been exchanged with the Singapore Chamber of Commerce. The matter is at present under the consideration of a Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose.

Promotion and Extension of British Trade by Officers of Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Services.—Your Committee, in September last, a Circular letter from the Foreign Office on the question of the promotion and extension of British Trade by officers of Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Services, and asking for an expression of the Chamber's opinion thereon. Your Committee, in reply, while recording their opinion that it is undesirable that British Representatives should be asked to act as Commercial Agents or required to specially further the interests of any firm, thought that they should aid the Merchant or Trader to secure all the rights accorded by treaty to their prompt attention to all complaints of obstruction to the free import of goods of any kind; to communicate any information at their command, likely to be of advantage to British commerce, to the nearest Chamber or body of Merchants, and, in the event of a complaint of obstruction, to use their official influence on behalf of their countrymen endeavouring to secure a contract, to extend his assistance in like manner to any British subject competing for the same contract, but that such assistance should only be given in the event of a complaint of obstruction to the free import of goods of any kind; to communicate any information at their command, likely to be of advantage to British commerce, to the nearest Chamber or body of Merchants, and, in the event of a complaint of obstruction, to use their official influence on behalf of their countrymen endeavouring to secure a contract, to extend his assistance in like manner to any British subject competing for the same contract, but that such assistance should only be given in the event of a complaint of obstruction to the free import of goods of any kind.

Commercial Museums.—Your Committee received a Circular letter from the London Chamber of Commerce, calling attention to the desirability of establishing Commercial Museums, in which samples of the goods most available for foreign markets might be exhibited.

In the reply addressed to the London Chamber, your Committee, while expressing sympathy with the object of the proposed Imperial Institute, which appeared likely to embrace the object aimed at by these projected museums.

In the last report reference was made to the fact that the Chamber, in the event of a complaint of obstruction to the free import of goods of any kind, to communicate any information at their command, likely to be of advantage to British commerce, to the nearest Chamber or body of Merchants, and, in the event of a complaint of obstruction, to use their official influence on behalf of their countrymen endeavouring to secure a contract, to extend his assistance in like manner to any British subject competing for the same contract, but that such assistance should only be given in the event of a complaint of obstruction to the free import of goods of any kind.

The Chamber was asked by the Colonial Government whether it was prepared to give any assistance in the preparation of a representation of Hongkong at the International Exhibition to be held next year in Adelaide, South Australia. Your Committee replied that, in their opinion, Hongkong would not be able to make a representation as a result of the details enumerated in the synopsis and General Classification of Exhibits, were produced in the Colony.

Members.—Mr. Atwell Coxon has retired from the Chamber. The New Oriental Bank Corporation Limited, the Anglo-Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. G. S. Coxon have been elected members; their election requires confirmation.

The Secretary.—Mr. H. U. Jeffries was appointed Acting Secretary to the Chamber on the 1st April.

Finance.—The sum of £1,766.87 (£200) granted by the Chamber, to Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, in aid of his Exploration Fund, has been returned, and out of that amount £1,600.00 has been added to the fixed deposit.

The New Oriental Bank Corporation offered to purchase the balance of the Chamber's claim on the Oriental Bank Corporation in liquidation, by a cash payment of 50 per cent. of the amount, and the sum of £578.69 received in March last closed this account.

Your Committee have now the satisfaction to state that the present subscriptions to the Chamber's Postal Telegrams are sufficient to cover the cost.

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